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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE - REQUIRED USE OF US CARRIERS
FOR USEC/ K GRANTEES

REFS: (A) STATE 128502; (B) SEOUL 04219; (C) PARA 207.17
B BINATIONAL HANDBOOK; (D) SEOUL'S OM, APRIL 11, 1973

1. SEPARATION OF GRANTEE FROM FAMILY DURING SHORT INTERVAL
OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO U. S. DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONSTITUTE
INCONVENIENCE SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT DEPARTURE FROM ESTABLISHED
GUIDELINE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IN FIRST SENTENCE, REF B. ROKG'S
CONTRIBUTION TO COMMISSIONS OPERATIONS IS FIVE PERCENT. THEREFORE,
NO MORE THAN TWO OF 31 FY 1973 KOREAN GRANTEES MAY TRAVEL BY
FOREIGN CARRIERS. COMMISSION MUST STRICTLY ADHERE TO THIS
REQUIREMENT.

2. PARA 12, MINUTES JAN 31, 1973, COMMISSION MEETING DOES
NOT RPT NOT INDICATE THAT COMMISSION APPROVED CHO'S REQUEST THAT
ROKG CONTRIBUTION BE ALLOCATED EXCLUSIVELY TO PURCHASE OF TRAVEL
ON KOREAN CARRIERS; PRESUMABLY COMMISSION AND CHO REALIZE IT
WOULD BE IMPROPER FOR ROKG TO ATTEMPT TIE ITS CONTRIBUTION
TO SUCH A SELF- SERVING CONDITION. NON- COMMITTAL REPORT BY
COMMISSION
OF THIS PROPOSAL TO DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT CONSTITUTE
WASHINGTON SANCTION OF IRREGULAR PROCEDURE.

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3. UNLESS GRANTEEES TRAVELING AS GROUP, DISCOUNT GRANTED BY KAL APPEARS TO VIOLATE IATA REGULATIONS. MOREOVER, IF DISCOUNT IS OF SIZE REPORTED, ILLEGAL RATE- UNDERCUTTING BY KAL MAY BE INVOLVED. DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING FURTHER AND MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THIS POINT.

4. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT PAN AMERICAN HAS NO SERVICE FROM SEOUL. STATEMENT THAT MORE THAN HALF OF TICKETS PURCHASED THROUGH PAN AMERICAN DOES NOT RPT NOT DEMONSTRATE THAT HOLDERS THESE TICKETS ARE IN FACT PERFORMING ALL TRAVEL BETWEEN SEOUL AND US VIA US FLAG CARRIER. PLEASE CLARIFY.

5. REF A INSTRUCTED SEOUL REBOOK REMAINING GRANTEEES ON US CARRIERS. PLEASE REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN THIS REGARD. RUSH

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